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[Council to Winder and others.]

In Council Annapolis 7th Jan^y 1778.

Gent.

The inclosed Order of Council pretty fully explains the Necessity of it. Perhaps those who are not well affected may blame the Measure, but those who wish a plentiful Supply for our Army and that we may not feed and support our Enemies to subdue our own Country, we flatter ourselves will approve and support the Resolution we have taken. We would wish Violence to be avoided if possible, and have lodged this Power with you from a Certainty that it will be prudently exercised. If any Doubt or Difficulty should arise, we wish you to compare Sentiments and Act in Concert; yet if the People, whose Situations expose their Stocks to be plundered by the Enemy, refuse to furnish their spare Cattle, for the high Prices proposed, as such Refusal can proceed only from a Preference they give the Enemy, it is necessary such Cattle should be taken to prevent their inimical Designs. Possibly some may be so illy disposed as to oppose the Execution of the Order, if so, and you think it necessary, you are to call on the Lieuten^t of the County for Assistance, who is to afford it, for we are determined, at every Hazard, to prevent our open from being supplied by our internal Enemies.

To William Winder Jun^r }
Ephraim Stevens & }
Levin Woolford }

We are Gent &^{ca}

Like Letter to John Posley, John Richardson and William Wise of Worcester County.

C. B.

Thursday 8th January 1778.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Nicholas Gorsuch Eighty four Pounds seven Shillings and six pence for riding Express per Account passed by the Board of Accounts.

That said Treasurer pay to Major James Barnes four hundred and seventy two pounds one Shilling due the Marching Militia from the Eastern Shore as per Acc^t passed

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmott fifty pounds Eight Shillings and six pence due for Waggon hire as per Account passed the Board

That the said Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Johnson Esquire seven hundred and forty nine pounds three shillings due to him per Account passed

John Burgess is appointed Sheriff of Ann Arundel County in the room of William Harwood who resigned, and Commission issued.